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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, UK, ZA, RH
SUBJECT: BRITISH INFO ON LUSAKA MEETINGS ON RHODESIA

1. ACCORDING TO NORMAN ASPIN, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY AT FCO, BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS STILL AWAITING REPORT FROM THEIR HIGH COMMISSIONER AT LUSAKA ON THE FAILURE OF THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS ON RHODESIA. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA TELEPHONED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER LUSAKA EARLY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 6, AND PROMISED GIVE HIM FULL REPORT ON FOLLOWING DAY. SINCE THEN, BRITISH HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM ZAMBIANS. ASPIN COMMENTED THAT AT TIME MWAANGA CALLED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, ZAMBIANS WERE STILL IN VERY OPTIMISTIC MOOD, EXPECTED PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WOULD BE CONCLUDED ON DECEMBER 7, LIBERATION LEADERS WOULD RETURN TO ZAMBIA ON DECEMBER 9 AND WOULD BE PERMANENTLY RELEASED ABOUT ONE WEEK LATER. MWAANGA
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WENT AS FAR AS TO SAY THAT BY THE TIME FOREIGN MINISTER

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CALLAGHAN VISITS ZAMBIA AT THE END OF DECEMBER, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING LEFT BUT FOR FINAL AGREEMENT TO BE TIED UP WITH BRITISH.

2. AS OF LATE P.M. DECEMBER 9, FCO STILL DID NOT KNOW WHY AFRICANS AT LAST MINUTE INTRODUCED DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF MAJORITY RULE. ASPIN, ON PURELY PERSONAL BASIS, SPECULATED THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN PRICE FOR UNIFICATION OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS UNDER ANC OR PERHAPS WAS MADE AT INSISTENCE OF PRESIDENT NYERERE. LATTER SPECULATION, ASPIN SAID, BASED ON LETTER NYERERE WROTE TO FONSEC CALLAGHAN JUST AFTER LABOR GOVERNMENT TOOK POWER EARLIER IN YEAR IN WHICH NYERERE SAID PRIOR RECOGNITION OF MAJORITY RULE INDISPENSABLE TO SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. ASPIN CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THIS PURE SPECULATION, AND BRITISH STILL AWAITING EXPLANATION FROM ZAMBIANS. HE PROMISED KEEP US INFORMED AS SOON AS WORD RECEIVED FROM LUSAKA.

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